



St. Rita's Catholic Parish

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2nd Sunday of Advent –Year A – 4th December 2022

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10, Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, St Paul 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12

Next Week —3rd Sunday of Advent—Year A: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10, Ps 145:6-10, St Paul 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

“ THE WOLF AND THE LAMB ”

If Jesus is the Lamb of God, John the Baptist is the wolf. He stands alone as an inter-testamental figure, more like the prophets of the Hebrew scriptures than the evangelists of Christianity. There is no evidence that he ever became a disciple of Jesus. In fact, the evidence points to his retaining his own following up to the time of his execution. He is the finger of God, pointing to the new revelation, but he stands apart from it, howling out warnings about the scourge to come.

John was no prophet of gentle messages, of love and forgiveness. He came to drown the devil in the flesh, and raise up a nation of spirit prepared to meet its Maker. He lived in the wild, dressed and ate like a wild man. He hurled untamed words at the powerful people of his day, and they trembled. He was raw authority, and many people walked into the Jordan, convinced by his charisma or afraid of his warnings.

In the end, the wolf of God would decrease, as the Lamb would increase. For only a brief hour, they browsed together, sharing the message, “The reign of God is at hand”.

Name figures in Christianity today like John the Baptist. Do you find them appealing?

Be a wolf in faith: live your convictions unflinchingly and publicly. Be a lamb: bring peace, patience, and the willingness to dialogue with those who see the vision of church differently than you do.

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Our Second Advent candle is called the Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Peace. It reminds us of when Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace was born in the small town of Bethlehem and came among us as a baby. This candle also reminds us that Jesus promised to come again.

By the light of this candle we wait in patience for Jesus.



“We acknowledge the Quandamooka People, Traditional Custodians of the lands, waters and seas where we stand today. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and future.”

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Do you want to ensure that the mission of the Catholic Church and your local parish continues well in to the future?

We need your support to sustain our faith and continue to provide parish facilities, programs and services for generations to come. Your gift, of any amount, will help carry forward the Gospel message to future generations. To find out how you can be an Eternal Guardian of your faith, please contact us on 07 3324 3632 or visit www.catholicfoundation.org.au

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This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and Visitors to our sites.

For safeguarding inquiries or to raise any concerns, disclosures or allegations please contact our

Local Safeguarding Representative: Bob Snoke on 0419 247 698

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WEEKLY DIARY

Daily (Mon, Tues, Fri)

8:30am Rosary - St Rita's Church

Monday's

9:30am Pro Life Rosary—Chapel

2:00pm St Rita's Primary Mass—
St Rita's Church

Tuesday's

7:00pm Prayer & Praise—Chapel

Wednesday's

4:00pm Choir - St Rita's Church

Thursday's

Parish Priest Day Off (No masses)

Friday's

9:00am Mass & Holy Hour—
St Rita's Church

MASS TIMES

ST RITA'S CHURCH

Weekdays 9am (Except Thursday)

Saturday 5pm (Vigil)

Sunday 7am & 9am

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4:30pm

HEALING MASS: 2nd Wednesday of

the Month 9am

MAREBELLO: 1st Wednesday of the

Month 9:30am

BAY ISLAND MASS CENTRES

(NO MASS 5TH SUNDAY)

Coochiemudlo Island

Coochiemudlo Island Community Hall

345 Victoria Parade,

Coochiemudlo Island Q 4184

11:00am Saturday (Nov 5th, 19th)

Macleay Island

Church of the Holy Spirit

Scotts Road, Macleay Island Q 4148

5pm Sunday (1st & 3rd Sunday)

Russell Island

Bay Islands Community Services

55 Jackson Rd, Russell Island

2pm (2nd & 4th Sunday)

Please take a moment to pray for:

All those who are ill, especially Edith Quilty, Julie Davey, Virginia Casinto, Chris Venter, Doris Williamson, Fr Jim Browne, Margaret Ross, Alan Williamson, Lois Hodges, Toby Bernal, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Doherty, Kay Grieve, Jela Cicak, and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them.

We commend all the recently deceased.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Louie Vassallo and Sean Baudry.



If you wish to have a loved one's name mentioned in the Parish Newsletter for an anniversary, a remembrance or a prayer for the sick, please contact the Parish Office. Envelopes to request Masses to be offered for the sick, dying, deceased or for special intentions are available at the back of the church. Mass Cards are available from the Piety Stall.

A Notice from Fr Ladu

December 4, 2022
2nd Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the church or do you but more things that go unused. Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas Season?

God Bless, Fr Ladu Yanga

Pope's Prayer Intention December 2022



Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



PRIMARY SCHOOL MASSES

The children are on School Holidays and will return in the second week of January 2023



HOSANNA PRAYER AND PRAISE

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord....". Romans 8:38-39

All are welcome to join our Catholic Charismatic Group, which meets for praise and worship at St Rita Parish Chapel, every Tuesday night from 7:00pm till 9:00pm

Gospel sharing.

Please call MAY RICHARSON 0435212787 OR EJ POLOTAN 0403658827



CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS SET UP

Are you available to help set up the Unitas Centre for the Christmas Vigil?

If you can, please contact the Parish Office 3207 9177



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Our faith will sustain us through challenging times. Please keep supporting your Parish by continuing your weekly offering if you can, either by using our periodic direct debit or credit card facility or by direct deposit.

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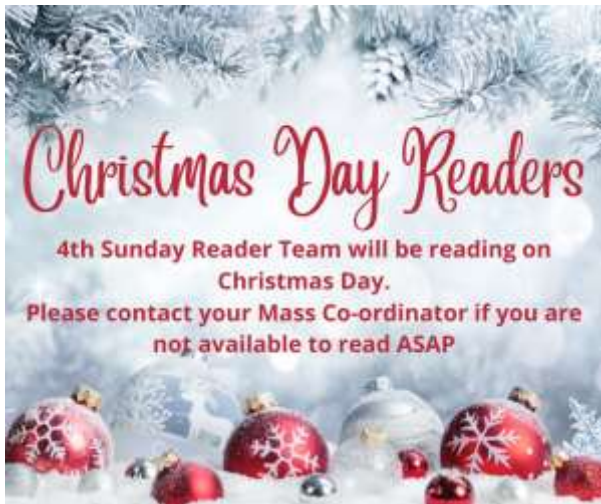
Collections and donations for the weekend of **27 November 2022** is **\$2 642.40**.

Workplace Health and Safety, Maintenance and Improvements:

RECENT ACTIVITIES: developed Risk Assessment for Children's Liturgy sessions, follow-up meeting to assess corrective actions from annual pest control report.

CURRENT TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE: – clean and paint presbytery walls on shady side of building, obtain quotes for removal of trees alongside boundary fence beside presbytery (roots in drains), high-pressure water-blast pathway leading to church, polishing vinyl flooring in church, investigate evidence of water leaks (wall in priest sacristy, ceiling above reconciliation facility, gutter outside toilets), obtain quote for Termite management system renewal around the church building, fix/replace damaged fence railing at OSHC.

POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING: replace rotted-out fence posts (presbytery yard fence along side school oval), repaint inside walls of presbytery, replace rusted-out gutter at chapel end of church building.



Christmas Day Readers

4th Sunday Reader Team will be reading on Christmas Day.

Please contact your Mass Co-ordinator if you are not available to read ASAP



St Vincent De Paul are selling 2023 Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards at the back of the Church. Prices are marked. Thank You.



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Vigil (Unitas) 5pm
 Christmas Day (Church) 7am
 Christmas Day (Church) 9am

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Summer Holidays

Fr Ladu will be on Annual Leave
 Monday 19th December 2022 -
 Sunday 15th January 2023.

We welcome Fr Bavin Clarke to St Rita's Parish during this time.



2nd Rite of Reconciliation

6:30pm
 Tuesday 13th December 2022
 St Rita's Church

MAREBELLO MASS

Will be held Wednesday
 7th December 2022 at 9:30am



HEALING MASS

Will be held Wednesday
 14th December 2022 at 9am
 at St Rita's Catholic Church

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